

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

This is in full and timely response to the above-identified Office Action. The above listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Reconsideration in light of the proposed amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2 and 5-12 are requested to be canceled. Applicant, of course, reserves the right to present claims of similar scope in a divisional or other related application.

Objections to Claims 3 and 4

The Office Action objected to claims 3 and 4 for informalities, including the lack of an indefinite article before the word “pet” in line one of claim 3, and a lack of clarity regarding which collar the detecting means is intended to detect. These informalities have been corrected through the amendment.

Rejection of Claims 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶2

The Office Action rejected claims 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶2 for a lack of antecedent basis with regard to the term “a pet” in line 7 of claim 3. The lack of antecedent basis has been corrected through the amendment.

Further amendments have been made to clarify the scope of the claims but are not related to the requirements of patentability.

New Claim 13

New Claim 13 corresponds to amended claim 4, with the means-plus-function elements removed. Applicant has included the subject matter required by the Examiner in new claim 13.

Inasmuch as all of the issues which have been raised have been resolved by the amendments to claim 3, it is submitted that claims 3 and 4 stand in allowable condition.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s)

remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.


Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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